

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, and in response a set of formal drawings is enclosed. To meet the objection under MPEP §608.02(g), Figure 1 has been amended to include the legend "Prior Art".

In response to the double patenting rejection in paragraph 3 of the Action, a terminal disclaimer is enclosed. As requested, this indicates that the application is commonly owned with U.S. Patent 6,504,148.

The Examiner had made of record and not relied upon a number of other references, and accordingly, it is believed that the enclosed formal drawings and terminal disclaimer are fully responsive to all outstanding issues in this application.

It is noted that a second Information Disclosure Statement was filed March 12, 2003. Principally, this included prior art cited in the Search Report of the counterpart PCT application. A further copy of the PTO Form 1449A is enclosed, and the Examiner is requested to initial this form and indicate that the references have been made of record.

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Early review and allowance are requested.

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